

A Word

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.
I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

HIGH LIFE



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Society Taps Top Seniors; Torchlight Inducts Eighteen

Eighteen GHS seniors were inducted into Torchlight on November 21 in the Grimsley Media Center. This was the first induction ceremony for the 1978 school year.

Torchlight inductees include Vicki Blalock, Michelle Bowie, Michael Coyle, Stephen Evans, Gary Karesh, Brian Littlefield, El-

len McAdams, Joseph Morris, and Rita Odom. Other new members are Sandra Pleasants, Todd Poston, Anna Poulos, Gerri Ratliff, William Stowman, Denia West, Pamela Wiggins, Virginia Woods, and Jeffrey Zaleon.

Torchlight is the name of Grimsley's chapter of the National Honor Society.

In order to be eligible for membership in the Society, a student must have at least a 3.4 cumulative grade point average. A list of these students is then sent to the faculty members who vote for the students of their choice. The final decision is made by a selection committee composed of Grimsley Principal Mr. Glenn, guidance counselors, and department chairpersons. They judge the students with the highest number of votes from the faculty on character, leadership, scholarship, and service -- the four qualities of a Torchlight member.

Torchlight induction are held twice a year, in the fall and in the spring.

Presently, Torchlight members are busy concluding their fundraising project, a pecan sale, which began in November and which has thus far been highly successful. The profits from this venture go toward scholarships which are awarded annually on the basis of need, desire, and the four Torchlight qualities.



Mrs. Manahan, Torchlight advisor, looks on as Susan Hovey collects pecan money from NHS member Steve Evans.

Chris Evergreen Competition Begins; Four GHS Service Clubs Participate

Eight local high school service clubs have entered the Greensboro Youth Council's Chris Evergreen Competition and are competing for a first prize of \$200 and the right to advance tonational competition for ecological activities.

The purpose of the first-year project, according to GYC Youth coordinator Lea Spencer, is to involve high school youth actively in ecological projects that provide a community service and are environmentally beneficial.

Clubs compete for cash prizes and awards by sponsoring, organizing, and running an approved Chris Evergreen project. Some of the projects run by Grimsley service clubs include decora-

ting bird trees in neighborhoods, cleaning the grounds at the Thompson children's School, writing a children's story and telling it in nursery schools, and planting pine trees at Grimsley.

All approved projects must be operated between November 27 and December 25. Club project chairmen will submit their Chris Evergreen project notebooks for judging by January 12, and on January 30 winners will be announced at an awards program.

The Board of Judges, former Grimsley principal and Civic Chairman for Greensboro Beautiful, Mr. A.P. Routh, President of the Greensboro Garden Council, Mrs. Libby Leonard, former

Smith principal and Chairman of Greensboro Beautiful, Mr. William McIver, Head of Community Affairs at WFMY-TV Ms. Rita Midkiff, and head copywriter, WBIG-Radio, Cheryl Knight will rate the projects on their originality, community appeal, public awareness, community and club involvement, achieved goals of the project, and scrapbook presentation.

The third place project
Apprentice Clown

Darnell Earns Circus Post

The air is thin riding high above the ground on someone's shoulders who is on a seven foot unicycle. Just as Jeff Darnell does.

Jeff graduated from Grimsley in 1978. Since his earliest childhood, his goal has been to become a professional clown. As Jeff visited with Mrs. Hoffer's first period American Literature class on November 30, he explained how he trained as a clown and was selected from a field of 52 aspirants to receive a contract with Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. It was a story of a dream realized.

During his eight weeks of training, Jeff has been through rigorous regimen at Clown College in Venice,

wins \$50, the second place receives \$100, and the first place claims \$200. The winning projects will be submitted to national contests open for ecology projects done by high school age groups.

Grimsley clubs involved in the competition are the Civinettes, the OHJ's, the Chariotters, and the Y-Teens. Other clubs competing are the Page OHJ's, Jaycettes, and Keywanettes, and the Smith Ecology Club.

Florida. He was one of 52 selected from 4,000 applicants to receive training at the school.

These students learned everything from how to fall down without injuring themselves to riding an elephant. At the end of the course, the students held a special three hour audition for the president and vice president of Ringling Brothers', Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Only eighteen of the 52 were selected to perform with the circus. Thirteen, including Jeff, were selected for the "Blue" show which travels the western half of the U.S. and smaller cities. Five were chosen for the "Red" show which begins a new number with the theme



Jeff Darnell

of "The 1980 Olympics." It travels the East coast and to larger cities. Jeff will not be performing in Greensboro until next year.

Jeff said that he is not sure how long he plans to stay with the circus. He indicated that he would like to attend Carolina; however, he said he would stay with the circus as long as they wanted him.

Jeff is the son of Mr. D.L. Darnell, teacher of Technical Drafting at Grimsley.

Tournament Involves Eight Local Teams

The third annual Little Four Basketball Tournament will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum from December 27 through 29.

Tickets for the Little Four Tournament went on sale November 26 and are available from the Coliseum box office for students at \$6.00 and \$7.50 for adults. Grimsley students may purchase tickets from service club members for only \$5.00, and

Grimsley parents may buy a book of tickets for \$6.00. The price of the tickets includes three nights of basketball and a dance on December 29.

Joining last year's participants in the Little Four are High Point Andrews, High Point Central, Thomasville, and Ragsdale.

Grimsley will play the last game of the night on December 26 against a respectful High Point Central team.